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The reply brief filed 16 July 2007 has been entered and considered.

In light of the reply brief, the Pfenning reference is not being used to teach the apparatus of Soultanian to function as a relay. It is only being used to teach that it is old and well known for an apparatus incorporating a stationary part and a moving part with a coil to be hinged in the claimed manner. Also dictionary.com defines the term "interlocking" as: to lock one to another. Soultanian states in column 3 lines 10-15, "Both stator 10 and armature 12 comprise a stack of individual laminations, 38 and 40 respectively, which are held together by rivets 18". Rivets 18 lock one lamination to the other and are therefore interlocked.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.